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Cover Photo

Rebuilding after a war (or even what the modern world calls a "police action") is a long and difficult task. The tiny peninsula of Korea, wrecked during the recent strife there, is now in the process of cleaning up and starting anew.

A tiny country of Europe, the Netherlands, is sharing its resources with the Koreans. Christians in the Netherlands, through their Dutch Committee of Interchurch Aid and Service for Refugees, have shipped 60,000 Dutch duck eggs to Korea in a special chartered plane.

Two Korean workers, one a youth, are looking over part of the shipment. The eggs will be distributed to hatcheries throughout Korea.

Forum

KIND WORDS DEPT.

Sirs:

I like CONCERN! The reports of what enthusiastic MYF groups are doing give me a thrill and a lift. I appreciate the terse, Christian interpretation of national and world events.

Ruth S. Stevenson

Cambridge, Ohio

PROGRESS TOWARD UNION

Sirs:

I was pleased to see you refer (May 13 CONCERN) to the recent meeting of Methodist and Episcopal bishops in St. Louis. It is encouraging to know that some progress is being made toward the eventual reunion of the Episcopal and Methodist denominations.

The fact being that the two denominations have no fundamental differences in ritual, policy or doctrine, there is definite ground for a sound union. Such a union will greatly strengthen the power and influence of the Protestant church in America. It is absurd to prolong this separation.

Bob Brown

Norwich, Conn.

NOT A RE-HASH

Sirs:

I always appreciate CONCERN, and should tell you so more often. May I disagree with the person who said that "Front Page" is a re-hash of wha has already been read elsewhere (Ma 13 CONCERN). Very often the new there reaches people first from thi column. Anyway no doubt it calls a tention to news probably distorted else where.

The pages on UMT have been exce lent. It is a most heartening thin that a publication for youth give spiritual value to the search fo truth in every area. It is a great thin for the youth of Methodism to belon to "the fellowship of the CONCERNed.

Ivy G. Myer

Chicago, Ill.

METHODIST LIBRARY

Sirs:

The copy of the present edition o the *Journal* published by the Metho dist Historical Library, Inc., herei sent to you, will inform you about thi Institution. If you care to mention it and to say that Methodist letters manuscripts, books and other memoria of Methodism will be welcome gifts t the library, this will be appreciated b all its friends.

Bishops, institutions, and importan families of Methodism's various bodie have responded marvellously to sug gestions that they send their historica writings and publications to the ad dress at Broadway and Fall Creek Blvd., Indianapolis. Some of you readers may wish to do the same.

Bishop Frederick D. Leet

St. Petersburg, Fla.

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The front page

SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

◆ **The Supreme Court, on May 31,** directed that race segregation in all public schools be ended as soon as feasible, but did not fix any definite deadline. In effect, the high court's unanimous decision tossed the whole explosive problem to local school authorities and to lower Federal courts. The Supreme Court said the lower courts should see to it that school authorities "make a prompt and reasonable start" toward complying with its finding of last year that segregation is unconstitutional. This decision said that lower courts "may properly take into account local problems" in handling cases.

◆ **Four American fliers, held by** Communist China as prisoners of war, were released May 31. They crossed the border into free Hong Kong, wearing Communist blue trousers and faded blue, collarless shirts. First reports were that the men were in "fairly good physical condition." Hopes ran high that 11 other imprisoned U. S. airmen would be freed shortly. The men have been in Red prisons more than two years.

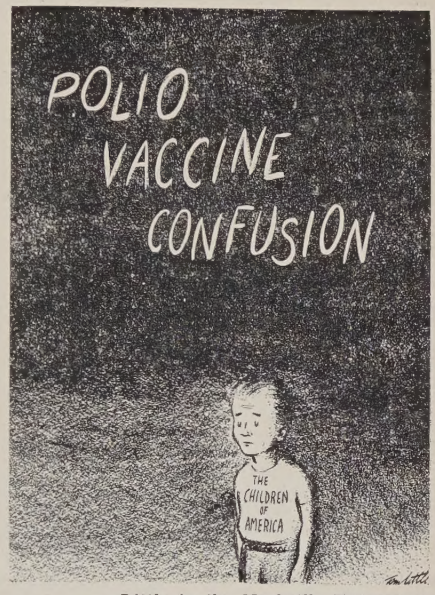
◆ **Foreign ministers of the Western** big three nations have agreed to meet in New York June 16 in order to make plans and map strategy for the proposed four-power meeting (including Russia) this summer. Russia has mentioned San Francisco as a possible site for the big four meeting, but the Western powers have formally proposed Lausanne, Switzerland, as the site.

◆ **Anthony Eden, newly-elected** prime minister of Great Britain, faced his first major crisis as British railway workers went on a nationwide strike, causing real chaos in the nation's transportation system and economy. Strike centers around demands for pay increases.

◆ **Prime Minister Eden and the Conservative** party scored smashing victories in Britain's national elections. At stake was a five-year term of office. Voters dealt a severe blow to former prime minister Clement Atlee and his Labor party. Conservatives won a majority of 50 or more seats in the House of Commons, compared with the 17-seat margin they had been holding.

NEWS

The one who suffers



—Little in the Nashville Tennessean

◆ **Tornadoes lashed six states in the** Kansas-Oklahoma area, killing at least 115 and injuring over 700. Focal point of the storm was Udall, Kans., which was completely demolished. Following the storms, rising flood waters isolated towns and added woe and more trouble to the stricken areas.

◆ **Confusion was the key word in** reference to the Salk polio vaccine. The U. S. government stopped all use of the vaccine pending more safety checks. With new production rules, government officials still hoped to have enough vaccine to complete treatment of first and second grade children before midsummer. Meanwhile, Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey expressed a view that the government would wind up giving free shots to all children in the U. S. The American Medical Association asked its members to cooperate in a voluntary government priority plan so the program could move ahead.

Time nears for youth's big meeting

What makes the National Convocation of Methodist Youth *the* meeting for young Methodists in this quadrennium?

For some answers, here are facts about the program:

General theme is "Our Christian Witness in a World of Struggle." The theme was carefully worded after long discussion of the needs and feelings of Christian youth today. Sub-themes for each day of the Convocation emphasize the struggle, the witness, and the world in which we live.

The line-up of morning speakers is in itself a great recommendation for the meeting. Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, pastor of Central church in Detroit, Mich., will give the first platform address. He will be followed on successive days by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C.; Dr. James Thomas of the General Board of Education in Nashville; and Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles.

Worship experiences throughout the week should be meaningful and inspiring. Worship planning committee is headed by Argyle Knight of the Youth Department in Nashville and Harold Ehrensperger of the Boston University School of Theology.

Almost 5,000 youth, student and adult delegates will meet each day in the huge, wonderfully-equipped Purdue University Hall of Music. The Hall of Music is one of the best-known auditoriums in the midwest from the standpoint of inspiring dramatic effects which it is technically possible to produce there.

Evening programs in the Hall of Music include a keynote session to introduce the Convocation theme, a showing of the film, "Cry, the Beloved Country," a "This Is Your Life" type of program featuring the lives of four young Methodists who have witnessed for Christ in their communities, and "To the Unheroic," a modern pageant with tremendous impact.

Afternoon group discussions will center around such varied themes as Christianity vs. communism, the U. N. and you, ways to world peace, Christian witness in your chosen vocation, Bible study, the organization and program The Methodist Church, and mar others. Adults will meet in speci groups led by national staff persons

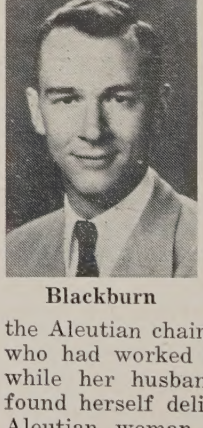
Add these things to special recre tion programs, a united exhibit pre enting the total work of The Meth dist Church (one of the first exhibi of its kind), and fellowship wi Methodist young people from acro this country and around the world and the National Convocation stac up as a very significant event.

Dates are August 22-26, beginnir with the evening session on Mond and closing at noon Friday. The plac Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Pe sons interested can register throug their conference director of youth wor or their state director of student wor Absolute and final deadline for regi tration is July 15.

Church grows on freedom's frontier

The igloo and the dog sled no longe characterize Alaska—not properly an way. The modern ranch-house and th airplane are more prevalent today. I this land to the north, new industrie new housing developments, and ne power projects are revolutionizing th old hunting and fishing economy.

David and Mona Blackburn are youn missionaries who know both the isola tion of Aleutian Island communitie and the rapid growth of Alaska cities and their sul urbs. When th Blackburns went t Alaska in 1952, the returned to the te ritory where Dav had served for fi teen months as member of the A Force.



Blackburn

Their first year a the Sand Poin Unga station in th Shumagin Islands o the Aleutian chain was exciting. Mon who had worked briefly in a hospit while her husband was in seminar found herself delivering triplets to a Aleutian woman as she received in structions by radio from a doctor to far away to make it in time for the de livery. Dave later baptized the babie

When air force duty took Pvt. Robert Knight to Alaska, he did not lose contact with the church. In fact, he became especially interested in what the church is doing in the far north. In this special report just received, he shares with CONCERN readers some of the things he has seen on the frontier of the free world.

From this ministry the young missionaries were sent by the Division of National Missions to organize a new church in suburban Anchor Point. This is the fastest growing part of the fast growing city, Anchorage.

A parsonage had been purchased in a new housing development. The young preacher made the garage of the house into a Sunday school classroom. When the parsonage used for worship services became overcrowded, a vacant house two doors away was made available to the group by the project builders.

The congregation is composed—typically for the growing cities of Alaska—of young couples establishing themselves in business and buying new homes. There is also a large number of military personnel.

Alaska, which is two and a half times as large as Texas, has doubled its population in the last decade. It is attracting vast investments in mining and industry.

The more than 20 Methodist churches in Alaska are widely scattered on the half-million square miles of American soil. The ministers who serve them have to meet powerful demands which the new Alaska is making on the Christian church.

As an important defense of the free world, Alaska has thousands of young servicemen and women stationed there. Ministry to them in a land where taverns outnumber food stores is important. Wholesome recreational facilities and a vigorous spiritual program give stability to the rugged life in Alaska.

Along the Kenai Peninsula Methodism has a mobile ministry which provides services for the young homesteaders who are farming this fertile area. Begun only six years ago, this 300-mile circuit was first served by only one minister, six-footer Gene Elliott. Now the work has grown so that two other men share in the work.

Christian leadership is needed for this frontier is transition. As it becomes a modern society, Alaska demands the best in Christian education. The school population is expanding at a tremendous rate. The handsome new schools that have been built are unable to keep pace with the growth.

The need for a Christian liberal arts college for Alaska is becoming more urgent each year. The Division of National Missions and concerned Alaska citizens are seeking to raise two million dollars for the new Alaska Methodist College to be located in Anchorage. At present there is no four-year Christian college in the entire territory.

The church and the church college are essential to cultivate the higher values of life. Less than five per cent of Alaska students educated in colleges

The 20-year-old dream of a united church center as a national headquarters of Protestant and Orthodox church groups is about to come true. Definite plans were announced last month for a block-long, $14,000,000 building on Riverside Drive in New York City. The 17-story limestone-faced building will house the offices of the National Council of Churches and a number of its thirty member bodies, their boards and agencies.

in the States return to the territory. Thus Alaska is drained of her most able leadership.

Methodism in Alaska is working for strong Christian leadership, wholesome recreation, stable community values, health, and education. Here in the frontier of the free world, your World Service gifts help achieve these goals.

BY BOB KNIGHT

Bible society makes new mark

Distribution of scriptures to the blind reached a record high mark during 1954, according to a report last month.

Members of the American Bible Society held their 139th annual meeting, noted the passing of their 120th year in work for the blind.

Last year the society issued 55,076 volumes of scripture in 21 languages for persons who have lost their sight. New publications during the year included a new edition of the "Small Volume of Scripture Passages" in English Braille, which is often called the "pocket Bible" by the blind.

The same "Small Volume" also was recorded on five "Talking Book" records in Portuguese for the blind in Brazil. Braille editions of portions of the Bible were prepared in Portuguese, German, Armenian, Korean, and the new colloquial Japanese. The German edition was for distribution in the Eastern zone, and the Korean and Japanese editions were complete New Testaments.

"Talking Book" records, which are recordings of the Bible for the blind who cannot use the various touch systems, were shipped to Liberia, France, Switzerland, England, Philippine Islands, Japan, and Ethiopia, in response to urgent requests for them.

Since it began its work for the blind in 1835, the American Bible Society has distributed 480,282 volumes and recordings in 40 languages and systems. In the United States, a large measure of the society's work is directed to supplying the needs of blinded veterans of recent wars.

In the U. S., distribution of printed scriptures totaled more than 9,000,000 volumes for the second time in the society's history. Total distribution throughout the world amounted to

Pauline Nodhturft, 11, student at th New York Institute for the Educatio of the Blind, reads from the Braill Bible. Pauline received her first volum of the Braille Bible from the America Bible Society when she was six an has since received all additiona volumes to complete the Bible. Th complete Braille Bible totals 2 volumes, more than five feet high.

15,391,171 during 1954, and the societ passed the 450,000,000 mark for it 139 years. The society distribute scriptures without comment or inter pretation, and is a non-profit agency It receives support from the Worl Service funds of The Methodist Church

Local church camping continues to grow

Methodist leaders are beginning t talk about local church camping as th most significant development in th entire field of camping.

In recent years there have develope day camps for juniors and intermedi ates, family camps, trip camps, an week-end camps for youth and adults— all as a part of the work of Christia education in the local church.

A few local churches now have cam sites of their own, which are suitabl for the use of small groups the yea

around. Some churches rent camping facilities from state parks or agencies and utilize camping areas on district and conference camp grounds. Day camping is possible on wooded areas near churches, on farmlands, or in municipal parks.

The Division of the Local Church in the Methodist Board of Education has a camping committee, which offers a variety of services to local and other groups. It helps select and evaluate campsites, when requested, and gives advice as to architectural and other professional technical services. It will assist in program analysis and in arriving at future program needs in the light of current trends and standards.

The camping committee, in its annual report to the Board of Education, said, "If we are to achieve the potential values in Christian growth for campers, camps must be so developed and operated as to make possible: (1) meaningful small group experiences, (2) individual counseling, (3) effective use of out-of-door resources. The leaders are saying these days that local church camping, with adequate training and planning, may achieve these ends.

Mission board adds new personnel worker

A young North Carolina pastor with three years of mission service in Japan, has been appointed an assistant in personnel on the staff of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

Yount

Paul W. Yount, Jr., began his duties June 1 in New York. His job is a new one, necessary because of increasing demands on the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel. He will work primarily with high school youth and college students who have expressed an interest in mission service. He will seek to develop a vocational interest in missions and will help to interpret the world mission of the church. He is a native of Hickory, N. C. and a Duke University graduate.

Mrs. Toyohiko Kagawa

Mrs. Kagawa comes on speaking tour

Mrs. Toyohiko Kagawa, wife of the noted Japanese Protestant leader, is now on her first speaking tour of this country.

Her trip is sponsored by the Friends of Jesus organization in Los Angeles, founded 30 years ago by Dr. Kagawa to aid his work. Mrs. Kagawa, who speaks no English, will address Japanese Christian groups in various parts of the country. She will go to northern California, then to Seattle and across the country. She intends to speak in Chicago, Cleveland and New York before returning to Japan in August.

Dr. Kagawa, who collapsed from over work March 27 in Osaka, Japan, has resumed his preaching and other activities. Dr. Kagawa admitted last month that his doctor felt he should rest longer, but the churchman said his responsibilities would not permit him to remain idle.

Besides spending at least half of each month in the National Christian Council of Japan, Dr. Kagawa has worked untiringly for years on disaster relief and slum rehabilitation projects. This spring the 67-year-old clergyman has been working to raise money for transporting American relief supplies to Japan.

a turning point

May was an eventful month. Among other things, Secretary of State Dulles took another of his long plane trips.

On his return, he reported to President Eisenhower and to the American people in an informal and informative television broadcast. Dulles declared that the events which had taken place in Europe in two weeks "may really mark a turning in the tide of history."

Commenting on the report, the President said: "In a word, we will stay strong and we'll stay vigilant, but we're not going to extinguish the hope that a new dawn may be coming, even if the sun rises very slowly."

Items in the sunrise: the consolidation of Western Europe, with the Free German Republic being born and received into the full partnership among free nations; a releasing of tension in Asia; a new understanding and acceptance of the freedom of Viet-Nam; and the signing of a peace treaty for Austria. The proposed talks among top leaders of the big four nations seem to be a ray of light. "The time has now come for a new effort to resolve the great problems which confront us," the Western powers told the U.S.S.R.

Whether a congressional proposal to adopt a UMT system is a ray of light or a leap into darkness—that is a question good for debate. CONCERN has believed that UMT belonged on the side of darkness. If so, recent debates in the U.S. House of Representatives should be listed along with Mr. Dulles, examples of signs of sunrise.

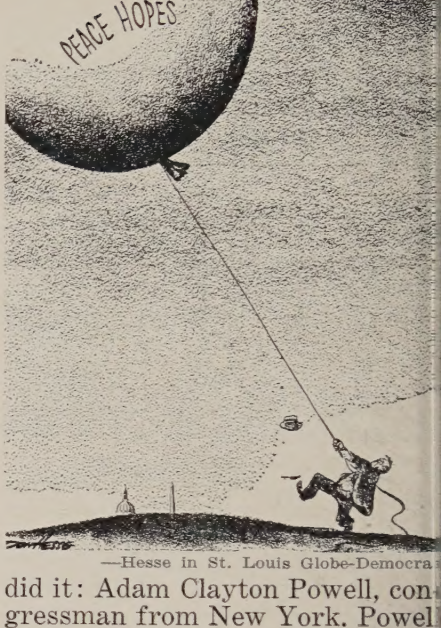
At CONCERN's press time, the UMT proposal in the House was neatly shelved, and the issue that did it: segregation. The man that did it: Adam Clayton Powell, congressman from New York. Powell had attended the African-Asian conference at Bandung, Indonesia, and as an American Negro had defended American democracy and spoken for improving racial understanding. He grew in stature at Bandung, speaking in a convincing way.

On the floor of Congress, he was equally convincing as he reminded his colleagues that our best example of racial tolerance should be in the armed forces of the nation. He was trying to amend the UMT bill by adding an anti-segregation clause. Such a clause could not get through the House, and without the clause apparently the bill itself could not get through. So it was pushed aside for a while.

As long as this bill stays on the shelf, democracy, freedom, peace—the American way of life may yet be maintained. Perhaps —perhaps, it is the dawn.

VIEWS

Hold 'er, Foster



—Hesse in St. Louis Globe-Democra

On a wide circuit

Pulling out the rug

Professor Jotham Johnson, of New York University, speaking recently to and on behalf of college faculties, suggested that a principal task of college teachers is "to pull the rug out from under" the youth who go to them for education.

They arrive at college, the Professor says, equipped with all the "hand-me-down prejudgments" of their families and of society on everything from politics to the sanctity of marriage—and the job of the teacher is to jolt them out of these ideas, to lead them to think and arrive at conclusions of their own, to question every pre-supposition. After four years of college training, the student will be somewhat educated if he can instantly detect a statement not based on fact and reason, if he can see the fallacy in the argument, and if he, from established reflexes, will "get into the argument as fast as he can." Of course, this may not be welcomed by demagogues and politicians, and by individuals and institutions that seek to "direct" the mind of youth "in the traditions that made us great."

Reid

The Professor made me wonder if this rug-pulling (from under prejudice, and ignorance, and smugness, and do-nothingness) is not also the job of the preacher and pastor. Did not Jesus figuratively "pull the rug" from under the self-righteous Pharisee, those who profiteered in the temple, those who would cast a deriding word or a condeming stone upon one taken in sin? Was not this his most effective "method of education" — of changing attitudes of mind, of changing actions, of "establishing reflexes" against wrong and for right?

I am not quite ready to agree with those who say "great preaching" is a lost art in America. But I do think too many preachers are presenting too many "pleasant little essays" from too many pulpits, when the example of the Master was to jolt men out of complacency into new thought and action.

"I must have been an ideal mother," said a woman in my hearing recently, "for I did everything the preacher talked about today for my children when they were growing up." That sermon had pulled no rug from under her feet; it had securely nailed the old carpet to the floor. She could rest content with the parental delinquency of her community; she had done her job well and it was all over.

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The dangerous thing today is that, in America's present mood, whoever tries to "pull a rug out," whoever tries to make people (in college or in church) re-examine their inherited beliefs or attitudes, is suspect. He is suspect of being anti-American, unpatriotic, following some "line" of which the accuser knows little but prattles much. And life becomes "safer" for teacher and preacher if they let the rugs lie. So education and religion both fall short of their goals as molders of adult and reasoning human beings and sons of God.

If you don't want the rug pulled out from under the feet of your accumalated handed-down prejudgments, don't go (or send your son) to a college which permits its teachers the freedom to explore all facets of truth—even to disturb a student's mind and conscience.

If you don't want to be shaken out of spiritual ignorance, moral apathy, and incompetence in the things of the spirit, *don't go to church*; or, just as safe, go to one where nothing is likely to be said with which you and your grandfather would not now fully agree.

—BY W. W. REID

Thinking out the news

Trends and realities

It would be foolish for anyone—particularly this columnist—to pose as a prophet in the field of international relations at this critical moment in history. But there does seem to be a trend in the making: a trend away from immediate probability, or possibility of "hot" wars and toward a new phase in the Cold War.

Read the following headlines from a recent Sunday News Review section of the New York *Times*, and what impression do you get?

"Peace maneuvers; both sides move . . . U.S. new perspective . . . neutral Germany . . . U.N. looks hopefully to Big Four meeting . . . many diplomats believe that Soviet is ready and anxious to reach agreement with West . . . concessions by both sides . . . President shifts gear and gets away with it . . . he notifies dissenters they must adjust to change of attitude on summit meeting (of Big Four) and trade (with Russia) . . . rise of neutralism may alter U.S. plans . . . power of 'Third Force' political and moral rather than military . . . Peiping now marking time on the Formosa problem . . ."

Are these "slanted" headlines and stories, due to the overall interpretation of *Times* editors? Probably so; and yet the stories from all over the world, by writers of considerable independence of expression, do seem to form a pattern that is hopeful for the easing of world tensions.

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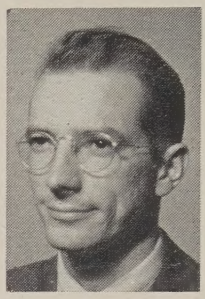
Perhaps this writer's use of the word "critical" in the first paragraph provides a clue. Surely the Soviet leaders are coldly calculating and ruthless men. But both they and the Western leaders know that their peoples can not bear up emotionally under one "critical" situation after another. Perhaps this is all just a psychological stage in the Cold War.

Russia is moving with shrewd and powerful strokes just now. That country is in a position to make U.S. leadership more difficult in both Europe and Asia.

Possibly the current attempt to fasten a long-period relationship with the military upon American young men is a result of the Armed Forces' fears about too much relaxation of international tension, causing them to lose power in this country. Perhaps that is one reason for the recent hubbub about whether or not Soviet air power suddenly is outstripping this nation's.



Nelson

But on the other hand, perhaps there is a real meaning behind the gestures from both sides. Perhaps Ike is genuinely determined to help bring the world back to "normal" by quieting war fears. Perhaps the Soviet leaders feel that war is economically impossible for their nation. Indeed, we are inclined to think both these possibilities are actually true.

The danger continues to lie mainly in (a) fear of the other nation's power; (b) desire to protect one's own interests without fully considering others. Both of these factors are rooted deep in human selfishness, which is even easier to practice on the governmental level than on the individual level. After all, one has the duty to protect his own nation's interests, even *against* the welfare of others—so it is generally believed.

As General MacArthur has pointed out, our main problem in today's world is theological, rather than military or political. That is, it is a problem of morality, faith, and love,—and the opposing qualities of selfishness, fear, and hatred.

When faith conquers fear and love conquers hatred in enough hearts, the hydrogen bomb will cease to dangle over man's head like the sword of Damocles.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

The other side

On UMT: a resolution

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, by means of the publication, CONCERN, did cause to be published on January 21, February 4 and February 18, 1955, certain material relative to universal military training, and,

WHEREAS, the above material was compiled in a four page pamphlet entitled "UMT" and promulgated to Methodist Youth Fellowship Groups for their study and action, said recommended action being the writing of letters or sending of telegrams to the respective congressmen and senators of the various youth fellowship members voicing the objections of the senders to legislation pertaining to universal military training now pending in Congress, and,

WHEREAS, as a result of fairly intensive study and analysis of the proposed legislation by an examination of H.R. 5297 and by concentrated group discussions of the materials secured from The Honorable Leon H. Gavin, Representative from our district and member of the House of Representatives' Committee on Armed Services, it was found that the pamphlet promulgated by the National Council of Methodist Youth was, in part, inaccurate and was presented in a slanted and biased manner, and,

WHEREAS, the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Trinity Methodist Church, Oil City, Vanango County, Pennsylvania, wishes to record its disapproval of and disagreement with the material as promulgated by the National Council of Methodist Youth,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, while the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Trinity Methodist Church does not wish to take active stand either in favor of or against universal military training at this time because it does not feel that it is the place or the function of church youth groups to recommend to elected legislators that they vote either for or against any proposed legislation, we wish to affirm our faith in the integrity and ability of the Conrgessmen whom our elders have elected to enact the laws whereby we shall be governed; we wish to condemn any future action on the part of the National Council of Methodist Youth which would tend to lead church youth groups into channels of regimented thinking; we wish to further condemn the manner and method in which the National Council of Methodist Youth presented the particular material pertaining to universal military training in that it was presented in a biased manner without any effort to present the opposite side of the question for the consideration of its readers; we wish to take the position that, in such a controversy as the one at hand, the church youth groups, as a whole, should not take an active part in a lobbying position but should rather seek to prepare its members and their associates to meet any way of life in which they may find their feet set; and we wish to recommend that the church seek to extend its general principles throughout our world to the end that universal military training may be made unnecessary rather than combat it politically, and, if it be found to be unavoidable, to enter into a realistic and active armed service connected program to correct and eliminate the pitfalls and problems which now confront the young man or woman who enters any type of military service.

A pastor writes

Dear Friends:

I have watched with interest your comments on UMT and the report of our youths opposition to it. Recently I attended a Conference MSM Conference and I asked a large group of young men, all college students, what their opinion was regarding UMT. I was met with a question from each and every one of them. "What is UMT?"

We discussed the matter further after I explained to them what UMT meant and I gave them CONCERN's feeling about the matter. They neither seemed to be opposed to UMT nor could they understand all the fuss.

My conclusion is this about your reports: I do not believe that you are reporting for Methodist youth but rather for a certain few Methodist

youth who have received only half a picture. I do not believe that you have intentionally done this but in your eagerness you have done so. Let us in true love of "truth" present the arguments from both sides as honestly and objectively as possible and let our young people decide for themselves. You know, there are fine peace loving Methodist Christians that do not feel that UMT is the enemy of Christ even as other peace loving Methodist Christians may believe otherwise.

Otis W. Lynch
Minister, Athens Methodist Church
Athens, West Virginia

And one note

CONCERN is a publication of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. At its annual meetings, the National Conference has consistently voted opposition to any form of peacetime compulsory military training. At its mid-winter meeting, the council of the NCMY (officers and leaders) asked the editors of CONCERN to prepare an intensive campaign in opposition to the currently proposed UMT measures. In keeping with that request, the editors carried material referred to in the resolution and letter printed here.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth is a democratic body, composed of elected representatives (the presidents of annual conference MYF's and state MSM's) and adult staff and field persons. Any person who wants to see a change in NCMY policies or programs is encouraged to see or write his conference MYF or state MSM representative.

The youth of the NCMY are standing in good tradition on this issue. The Council of Bishops of the church last November called "upon our people to prevent any attempt to fasten peacetime conscription on the American people." The one official body with authority to speak for The Methodist Church is General Conference, which in 1952 reaffirmed its opposition to "any system of peacetime universal military training."

Readers are urged to study paragraph 2026 in the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. It is Methodism's statement, as a church, on war and peace.

a meditation

The universe is a miracle.
The Palomar glass brings
Into view multiplicity,
Magnitude, speed, precision,
Beauty beyond mortal man's
Comprehension. The five
Thousand stars visible to
The naked eye become
Billions, so far apart that
They are but lonely ships
In boundless space. The
Rays which reach us from
Rigel began their journey
Four hundred years before
Columbus touched these
Shores. Yet Rigel is a
Near neighbor in contrast to
The outer reaches of space,
Two billion light years
Distant. It would take a
Million building blocks the
Size of the earth to make
Our sun. Yet if the sun is
Imagined as a ball of six
Inches in diameter, earth
Is fifty feet away, while
The remote stars are a
Million miles off.
And in all there are a
Trillion galaxies. These
Numberless celestial bodies
Move at inconceivable
Speed in orderly precision
Through measureless space.
Yes, the universe is a
Miracle. But greater by
Far the marvel of the mind
Of Einstein, the genius of
Bach, the compassion of
Saint Francis, the sublimity
Of Jesus' character. And
Miracle of all miracles is
The eagerness of the
Architect and Builder of
This wondrous universe to
Guide every human being on
All the continents into
The ways of abundant life
On this earth and eternal
Life in the ages to come.
Only the fool says in his
Heart there is no God.
But more foolish is the
Folly of professing
Belief in God while living
As if he does not exist.

—BY KIRBY PAGE

College campus is great mission field

"One of the greatest missionary opportunities in the world is on the American college campus," declares a missionary who spent 28 years in India.

Arriving in this country with 600 students from India, she realized the impact they would have on the American campus. A few were Christian, the majority Hindu or Moslem. What would they learn in America? Would they ever be entertained in a Christian home? How would they interpret America when they returned home to positions of responsibility and leadership? International relations of the future may depend upon the answers to these questions.

Realizing the importance of Christian responsibility in this matter, the United Student Christian Council called a "Consultation on Work With International Students" at St. Louis recently. Representative campus student workers of several different denominations, international students, national church staff and American students met for several days to discuss ways they could meet the spiritual needs of these students. Small Bible study groups, prayer cells or fellowship groups on the campus was one answer suggested. These should include students from overseas together with American students. The students need friends and intimate associates with whom they can share their deepest problems. They are often confused by superficiality and lack of value judgments of the typical American students. They need to know Christian students care about deeper things. They need a place to share their philosophy, to be themselves in an understanding atmosphere to grow in the Christian faith.

Miss Nyland

Only a few places in the country have Protestant counselors on the campus to work especially with overseas students. At the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, there is an inter-

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denominational project. The Lutheran Church has workers at the University of California in Berkley and at Columbia University in New York. The Y.M.C.A. at the University of Illinois in Urbana, has a member of the staff who devotes full time to program with International Students. This work is growing and should increase to meet the needs of 35,000 students from overseas now studying on 1,600 campuses in this country.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church has voted to cooperate in the Ann Arbor project through the Bureau of Educational Institutions of the Home Department.

The secretaries of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have the responsibility for overseas students and many have encouraged women of the church to open their homes for hospitality, especially during holidays when other students go home. A leaflet, "Our Students from Other Lands," is available, free for postage, by writing the Woman's Division Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

"The Committee on Friendly Relations" at 291 Broadway, New York, meets every student at the port of entry and tries to help them by making contacts where they will be going. The Methodist Church has some 100 Crusade Scholars who are brought here by the church each year. In addition, there are over one thousand who sign "Methodist preference" when asked by the school for their religious preference. A list of the names of these students was sent to campus directors of religious life and directors of Wesley Foundations by the secretary of student work of the Woman's Division.

According to the Institute for International Education, 1 East 69th St., New York, one-third of all those who come are Protestant, one-third are non-Christian and one-third are Roman Catholic. There are twice as many Asian students as European; 26,000 men and 8,100 women. More than half of those who come are only here for one year. There is an increase in the number of graduate students. The aver-

age age is 25 years, which makes them a little older than the average American student.

There is an organization called National Association of Foreign Student Advisors which meets once a year to discuss problems of immigration, accreditation, etc. Over 1,300 campuses have appointed foreign student advisors. They are also on the faculty though only 27 are full-time foreign student advisors. Some have an interest in the spiritual development of student and some do not.

Church people have a missionary opportunity to do something about these students *now* that they are here. And some of these students are missionaries to the U.S.A.!

—By Dorothy Nyland

'Rabbit Brothers' packs real punch

A new and very sharp cartoon booklet is simple enough to be read by the comic-books-only crowd, yet so full of meaning that it should be read by the preachers and Ph. D.'s.

The book is *The Rabbit Brothers*, recently published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

It is the story of twin white rabbits, Joe and George, who grew up together in the same family but who differ greatly on one very important point. Prejudiced Joe, suspicious, unkind, hates all rabbits "who aren't like me." Some days he even has trouble liking himself. Friendly George tries to see some good in all rabbits. His companions represent many groups. All kinds of rabbits make up the world George realizes. It's the rabbit, not the group he comes from, that counts to George.

The Rabbit Brothers was written and illustrated by Robert Kraus, one of America's top cartoonists.

Order copies at 10 cents each from the nearest office of the Anti-Defamation League, or from ADL at 212 Fifth Ave., New York 10.

If you haven't ordered the new leaflet on the Fall action project in the Youth Emphasis, send a card now to the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

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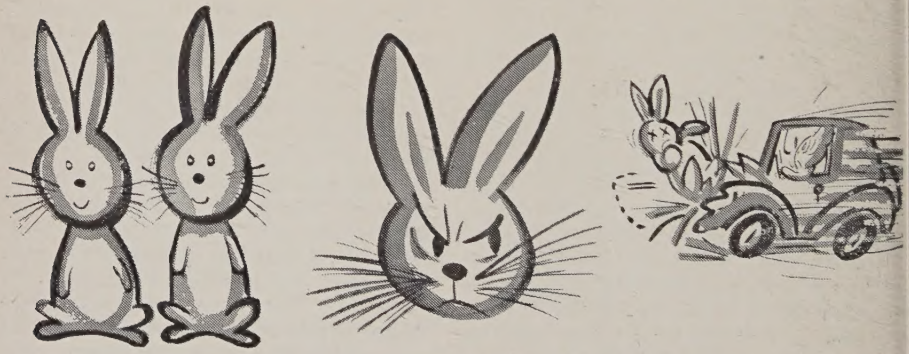

Three of the illustrations from "The Rabbit Brothers." Joe and George are twin brothers, but Joe is prejudiced. He dislikes other rabbits. But things happened when he was hit by a car. Get this cartoon book and read it.

Work and play days open camping season

On a Friday night in the middle of May, nearly 200 Methodist youth converged on the camping area owned by the New England Southern Conference, Camp Aldersgate in Glocester, R. I. Another group of youth arrived on Saturday to spend the day.

The youth and their adult leaders were armed with rakes, shovels, axes, hammers, saws, screw drivers, paint brushes, pails, cleaning rags, and wrecking bars. Purpose of the assortment of tools was to prepare the camp for the largest season of camping in its history.

Among features of the weekend program was an observance of the camp's eleventh birthday. The youth brought gifts for camp improvement.

Wyoming Conference MYF holds annual weekend

When the Wyoming annual conference (not to be confused with the Wyoming State annual conference, 2,000 miles to the west) met in Scranton, Pa., on May 21-22, some 700 youth assembled in Elm Park church for their annual youth weekend.

National Conference president Richard Thompson was featured speaker for the banquet—after he had been met at the Scranton airport and presented a key to the city by the director of public safety.

Youth of the Scranton District presented a sacred drama, "The Pageant of the Crosses." Gordon James Bond was elected conference president and installed with other officers during the weekend.

House of reps acts on UMT

The California-Nevada Conference Youth House of Representatives, acting for Methodist Youth and Wesley Fellowships throughout the conference, met May 13-15 in Burlingame, Cailf.

The group went on record as opposing universal military training in any form including the pending "peacetime reserve plan." Copies of the resolution were sent by wire to key people in Washington.

Helen Mayer, retiring president of the Wesley Fellowship conference council, reported that a brief sketch of the implications of the bill was presented. "The discussion of the issue was intelligent and level-headed. It was the feeling of a number of us that these youth had been conscientiously thinking about this issue previous to the meeting and were definitely opposed to the bill."

The delegates also resolved to recommend that the 1956 fall project in the Youth Emphasis be "Commitment to Action"—that is, Christian stewardship.

Purpose of the House of Representatives is to advise conference councils on matters of program, to elect new conference officers, and to share viewpoints and speak out on issues of social concern.

New president of the Wesley Fellowship is George Carter, and of the Youth Fellowship, John Corson.

MYF in action

MYF Roundup

◆ **Methodist youth of the Harford** County subdistrict in the Baltimore Conference, at their spring rally in Hopewell church, faced the issue of liberalizing liquor in the county. The youth voted unanimously against the proposal and out of deep Christian conviction and in the spirit of Christian citizenship urged citizens of the country to face the moral issues involved and vote against the pending bill.

◆ **Richard Robinson of Chesnee, S. C.,** will receive the Scouting God and Country award on June 12. The award will be presented by his pastor, Ralph A. Cannon. At the same service, Richard and another Explorer working toward his God and Country award, will present to the church a cross-and-candle altar set.

◆ **MYF of First church in DeQueen,** Ark., found their church without a janitor for two months, agreed to do the work themselves and use the money to pay for a summer youth worker and camp expenses.

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